

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1957 - HB 2101

February 24, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Davidson County Election Commission (Commission) to collaborate with the Metro Council, Secretary of State (SOS), and the Davidson County Sheriff to establish one or more satellite voting locations at detention facilities within the county and register eligible voters in such facilities. Authorizes the Commission to set the day and times in which voting will be conducted at each satellite location.

Requires Davidson County jails to provide a voter registration application to a person in custody who requests an application and make current resources regarding voting rights of a person with a criminal conviction, maintained by the Commission and SOS, available. Expires the provisions of the legislation on December 31, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$97,700/FY22-23*
\$11,700/FY23-24*

Assumptions:

- The Davidson County Sheriff's Office encompasses five facilities throughout the county.
- The Commission is authorized to determine the day or days, hours, and timing when voting will be conducted at the satellite locations. The schedules at the satellite locations do not have to be uniform.
- Davidson County residents who are in custody at a county jail are the only voters eligible to vote at satellite locations.
- The satellite voting locations are estimated to be effective for four elections before the provisions are repealed on December 31, 2023.
- Davidson County is only required to operate one satellite voting location.
- An estimated increase in local expenditures of \$11,700 in FY22-23 and FY23-24 for Davidson County to pay the poll officials necessary to carry out the pilot program.
- According to information provided by the Commission, a satellite voting location would require the purchase of six ballot scanners, 12 ballot-marking devices, and two carts to transport the ballot-marking devices.
- A one-time increase in local expenditures of \$86,000 (\$30,000 scanners + \$42,000 ballot marking devices + \$14,000 carts) for required voting equipment in FY22-23.

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- The total mandatory increase to local government expenditures in FY22-23 will be \$97,700 (\$11,700 + \$86,000) and \$11,700 in FY23-24.
- Davidson County jails can provide a requested voter registration application and make resources regarding voting rights available within existing resources.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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